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SUBJ: PARTICIPATION - NEUTRAL ZONE COMPANIES

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1. DURING RECENT CONVERSATION IN BAHRAIN, REO WAS TOLD BY USUALLY RELIABLE BAHRAIN GOVERNMENT SOURCE SAG DOES NOT RPT NOT INTEND NEGOTIATE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH JAPANESE- OWNED ARABIAN OIL COMPANY OR WITH GETTY.

2. RE AOC, WE HAD BEEN TOLD BY AOC MANAGER HERE EARLIER (REF A) THAT HE ANTICIPATED NEGOTIATIONS ONCE GOK AND SAG HAD DECIDED HOW THEY WISHED MANAGE NEGOTIATIONS, BUT SITUATION COULD NOW BE CHANGED.

3. GETTY SHARES WAFRA FIELD WITH AMINOIL AND LIKE LATTER COMPANY IS IN WEAK FINANCIAL AND MARKETING POSITION FOR VARIETY OF REASONS. (REF B). LAST FALL WE INFORMED BY AMINOIL REPS THAT GOK HAD INDICATED IT NOT RPT NOT INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATION. LIKELY THAT LOW PROFIT- ABILITY OF AMINOIL AND GETTY CAUSING GOK AND SAG CONSIDER FOREGOING PARTICIPATION WITH THESE COMPANIES. POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, THAT IF PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH KOC RATIFIED AND GOK DOES NOT NEGOTIATE
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PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH AMINOIL, GOVERNMENT WILL FACE CRITICISM
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